

**June 15-17, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **Detroit Free Press: Judge rules communities can capture Detroit Zoo, DIA millage dollars**

"The Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Zoo lost a round in court this week when a judge ruled that local communities can capture part of their revenue for things like fancy streetlights, decorative pavers and other improvements in their downtown districts. Wayne County Circuit Judge Daniel Ryan ruled Wednesday that the communities were within their rights when they took the money under laws designed to spur development in specific areas."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Michigan medical marijuana collective tries new model**

"A group involved in supplying medical marijuana in Battle Creek is among those using a new business model designed with aims of operating legally in Michigan.....Michigan voters in 2008 approved marijuana for some chronic medical conditions, but the Michigan Supreme Court in February slammed the door on marijuana shops. The court said owners of so-called dispensaries aren't entitled to operate a business that facilitates patient-to-patient sales."

[Full story](#)

**Note: This article also ran in the Detroit News, Battle Creek Enquirer, Daily Tribune, Macomb Daily**

### **Detroit Free Press: Court: Arizona voter registration rules go too far**

"The [U.S.] Supreme Court ruled handily Monday that Arizona cannot add to federal voter registration requirements by demanding proof of citizenship."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit News: High Court strikes down Arizona's proof of citizenship law for voters**

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### **Detroit News: High court: Lawyers can't get personal information from driver records**

"The [U.S.] Supreme Court says lawyers may not obtain personal information from state driver license records to recruit clients for lawsuits."

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### **Detroit News: [U.S.] Supreme Court says pre-Miranda silence can be used**

"The Supreme Court says prosecutors can use a person's silence against them in court if it comes before he's told of his right to remain silent."

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### **Detroit News: Appeals court blocks court order for other Detroit EM candidates**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals late Friday stopped an Ingham County judge's order that an aide to Gov. Rick Snyder produce the names of 20 other candidates interviewed for Detroit's emergency manager job."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Justice McCormack addresses WLAM meeting in Lansing**

"If asked to describe what they do, judges will invariably say that they apply the law and they call balls and strikes," said Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, speaking at the Women Lawyers Association of Mid-Michigan Annual Meeting held on June 6 at the Lexington Lansing Hotel."

[Full story](#)

**Note: This article also ran in the Washtenaw County Legal News**

### **Detroit Legal News: Legal People (seventh article)**

"Doug Van Epps, director of the Office of Dispute Resolution for the Michigan Supreme Court – is the recipient of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) Michigan Southeast Chapter 2013 Pioneer Award for his significant work and contributions to the conflict resolution field and to the Alternative Dispute Resolution community."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Legal People (eighth article)**

"Attorney Joseph J. Baumann, who has served as counsel to the state House of Representatives Majority Caucus and deputy legal counsel to the Department of Community Health (DCH), has been named General Counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court, the court recently announced."

[Full story](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: Local judge helps World Medical Relief**

"World Medical Relief is taking recycling to a whole other level. WMR's mission is to help the medically underserved both at home and abroad by collecting and distributing medicines, medical equipment, medical supplies, and related materials. Committed to help WMR in its mission are members of its board, including Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Archie Brown, Birmingham attorney Marcia Femrite, and Detroit attorney Guy Sohau."

[Full story](#)

### **Jackson County Legal News: In transition-Former judge enjoys new role as mediator**

"During two decades as a judge, Paula Manderfield would listen to attorneys argue before her in court and often think to herself, "I could settle this case."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Veterans Treatment Court receives a boost**

"The Friends of Macomb County Veterans Treatment Court (FMCVTC) was the beneficiary of Cooley Law School's recent charity fund-raising event, which featured dinner, music, live comedy and a silent auction."

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### **Macomb Daily: Macomb Business Court gains national recognition**

"Macomb County court officials have been recognized by the National Association of Counties for their initiation of the first business court in Michigan. NACo awarded Circuit Court a 2013 Achievement Award in the Court Administration and Management category for its "exceptional results and unique innovations" in establishment of the Business Court, NACo says."

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### **MiLW Blog: Former Muskegon County judge, federal lawyer dies at 89**

"James F. Schoener, a Muskegon-raised lawyer and judge who made his mark in Washington, D.C., died May 10 in his Florida home at age 89. Mlive [reports](#) that Mr. Schoener served as an Air Force pilot, a

Muskegon County Circuit Court judge, a senators' lawyer and a touring expert on campaign and election law."

[Full story](#)

### **MiLW Blog: West Michigan judges get 'four-peat' in charity softball game**

"It's a softball "four-peat" for the judges in west Michigan, as they captured the Carol Irons Trophy for the fourth year in a row. The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, western region faced the judges in the 30<sup>th</sup> annual charity softball game on Saturday, June 15. The judges' team consisted of players from Kent, Ottawa, Allegan and Barry counties."

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### **MiLW Blog: Not a chance: Casino loser can't get her money back**

"It's every losing gambler's dream, which means it's almost every gamblers dream: a way to get your money back after you've blown all of it at a casino.....The Court of Appeals wasn't buying the initial premise — that aleatory contracts were involved."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Michigan closer to a fix for indigent defense**

"Michigan lawmakers have approved legislation aimed at improving the legal counsel for low-income criminal defendants. Bills overwhelmingly approved by the House and Senate last Thursday would create state standards so counties are forced to bring legal aid up to par. The legislation could win final approval this week."

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